Make the biotech industry march to the beat of a different tune
No Patents on plants and animals - no genetically engineered plants and animals in our food production!

Companies such as Monsanto, Dupont, Syngenta, Bayer, BASF and KWS Saat AG use patents on plants and animals to misappropriate resources needed in daily life. These multinationals are taking over control of agriculture and global food production. At the same time, they are pushing for more and more genetically engineered crops to be commercialised in the EU even though nobody can guarantee the safety of these products.

It is now time for public protest! Together we make the biotech industry march to the beat of a different tune. Stop patents on life and usage of genetic engineered plants and animals for food production!

30 November 2012 is the deadline for the public to file statements related to a precedent case on the patentability of plants and animals at the European Patent Office (EPO) in Munich. It is a patent on a so-called wrinkled tomato (EP 1211926) derived from conventional breeding which has a reduced water content. The EPO has already granted around 2000 patents on plants and 1200 patents on animals – most of which are genetically engineered. It is the multinationals such as Monsanto, Bayer, Syngenta, Dupont, KWS Saat AG and BASF, who are steering things in this direction and using patents on plants and animals to take control of the food production chain. These are the same companies that are trying to market more and more of their risky genetically engineered plants, most of which produce insecticides and / or are resistant to herbicides. This is the wrong track for agriculture to go down and places an unacceptable burden of risk onto consumers.

Stop authorisation of genetically engineered crops in the EU!
Stop patents on plants and animals!

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